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TO THE PUBLIC.

With this issue the appearance of The Astorian in the morning field will be discontinued, and hereafter it will be published, jointly with The Daily News, as an eight-page afternoon paper. This announcement will be received with surprise by many, and by some of The Astorian's supporters, with more or less disappointment; and it is therefore fitting that there should be a few words of explanation. It is not the intention of the publishers to allow the paper to lose its place as the leading newspaper on the lower Columbia, but on the contrary it shall be their earnest endeavor to increase the news service, both telegraphic and local, to as great an extent as business conditions and intelligent effort will permit. There is an impression, more or less general, that the morning paper has greater facilities than has its afternoon competitor for presenting to its readers the latest news, but this idea is one which has been exploded in nearly all the large cities of the country. By reason of the difference in time, Pacific coast papers published at 4 in the afternoon are able to thoroughly cover the eastern news field up to 7 or 7:30 p. m., as well as everything that may be developed in Europe prior to midnight, so that the argument is all in favor of the afternoon paper. In the local field the advantage is even more marked, since of necessity both morning and afternoon papers must largely depend for news upon what can be gathered during the morning and afternoon hours, the supply thereafter being limited almost exclusively to accounts of proceedings of commercial bodies or other organizations. Instead, therefore, of depriving the public of early news, the change will result in far the greater portion of the news being published 12 hours earlier. To those who have the time to leisurely peruse the columns of a paper after breakfast, the morning journal is a source of much satisfaction; but for one so circumstanced, there are eight who are compelled to do their newspaper reading in the evening. It is with absolute confidence in their ability to win the commendation of a large majority of the people that the publishers will enter the afternoon field. The conduct of a newspaper is essentially a business affair, with which sentiment has, or should have, no connection. A paper's value to its patrons is determined by its ability to reach the public, and in issuing in the afternoon an edition of increased size the publishers will better conserve the interests of the business men, from which the paper must derive its support.

The Oregonian presents a puzzle. It asks if the United States gives Panama \$10,000,000, what proportion of the sum Panama is bound to pay Colombia's debtors and how they are to collect the same, adding the comment, "Echo answers 'How?'" Remarkable echo that, says the Tacoma Ledger.

RHEUMATISM

NOT A SKIN DISEASE.

It is natural to rub the spot that hurts, and when rheumatic pains are shooting through the joints and muscles and they are inflamed and sore, the sufferer is apt to turn to liniments and plasters for relief; and while such treatment may quiet the pain temporarily, no amount of rubbing or blistering can cure Rheumatism, because it is not a skin disease, but is in the blood and all through the system, and every time you are exposed to the same conditions that caused the first attack, you are going to have another, and Rheumatism will last just as long as the poison is in the blood, no matter what you apply externally. Too much acid in the blood is one cause of Rheumatism; stomach troubles, bad digestion, weak kidneys and torpid liver are other causes which bring on this painful disease, because the blood becomes tainted with the poisonous matter which these organs fail to carry out of the system. Certain secret diseases will produce Rheumatism, and of all forms this is the most stubborn and severe, for it seems to affect every bone and muscle in the body. The blood is the medium by which the poisons and acids are carried through the system, and it doesn't matter what kind of Rheumatism you have, it must be treated through the blood, or you can never get permanently rid of it. As a cure for rheumatic troubles S. S. S. has never been equalled. It doesn't inflame the stomach and ruin the digestion like Potash, Alkalies and other strong drugs, but tones up the general health, gently stimulates the sluggish organs, and at the same time antitoxins and filters out of the blood all poisonous acids and effete matter of every kind; and when S. S. S. has restored the blood to its natural condition, the painful, feverish joints and the sore and tender muscles are immediately relieved.

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TEXT OF THE HANSBROUGH BILL

Measure Offered Providing Changes in Timber and Stone Act.

The following is the text of the Hansbrough bill, relating to the proposed change of the timber and stone act.

A BILL.

Providing for the disposal of timber and stone on public lands chiefly valuable for timber or stone, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled,

That it shall be lawful for the secretary of the interior to sell to the highest bidder, at public outcry or otherwise, under such rules and regulations and subject to such conditions and restrictions and in such quantities as he may prescribe, the right to cut, quarry, and remove, within such time as he may fix, any timber or stone from any unsurveyed, nonmineral, surveyed or unsurveyed public lands, after first having had such timber or stone duly appraised and after having published a notice of the time, manner, and place of such sale and of the conditions and restrictions prescribed, in the newspaper of general circulation published nearest the location of such timber or stone, and in a newspaper published at the capital of the state or territory in which the timber or stone is situated, at least once a week for six consecutive weeks.

Sec. 2. That the secretary of the interior shall have power and authority to reject any and all bids offered at any such sale; and it shall be unlawful for any purchaser at such sale to sell, transfer, assign, or in any manner alienate the rights secured by him under this act.

Sec. 3. That no mineral public lands chiefly valuable for timber or stone, or any interest therein or in the timber or stone thereon, shall be sold or in any manner disposed of, either through settlement, entry, location, selection, or otherwise than as prescribed herein. But this act shall not affect claims heretofore lawfully initiated.

Sec. 4. That any person who violates or attempts to violate any of the provisions of this act, or any regulation or requirement prescribed pursuant thereto, shall forfeit to the United States all benefits conferred by this act and all moneys paid by him thereunder; and any right to cut, quarry, and remove timber or stone thereunder which he may then hold shall be canceled and revoked.

Sec. 5. That an act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes," approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read in part as follows: "That in cases in which a tract covered by an unperfected bona fide claim or by a patent is included within the limits of a public forest reservation, the settler or owner thereof may, if he desires to do so, relinquish the tract to the government, and may select in lieu thereof a tract of vacant surveyed nonmineral public land which is subject to homestead entry, not exceeding in area the tract covered by his claim or patent, and not chiefly valuable for timber or stone; and no charge shall be made in such cases for making the entry of record or issuing the patent to cover the tract selected: Provided, That in cases of unperfected claims the requirements of the law respecting settlement, residence, improvements, and so forth, are complied with on the new claims, credit being allowed for the time spent on the relinquished claims. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

Sec. 6. That an act entitled "An act to amend section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America," approved March eleventh, nineteen hundred and two, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2294. That hereafter all proofs, and oaths of any kind whatsoever required to be made by affidavits, applicants and entrymen under the homestead, preemption, timber-culture, desert-land, and timber and stone acts, may, in addition to those now authorized to take such affidavits, proofs and oaths, be made before any United States commissioner, or commissioner of the court exercising federal jurisdiction in the territory or before the judge or clerk of any court of record in the land district in which the lands are situated: Provided, That in case the affidavits, proofs, and oaths hereinbefore mentioned be taken out of the county in which the land is located, the applicant must show by affidavit, satisfactory to the commissioner of the general land office, that it was taken before the nearest or most accessible officer qualified to take said affidavits, proofs, and oaths in the land districts in which the lands applied for are located; but such showing by affidavit need not be made in making final proof if the proof be taken in the town or city where the newspaper is published in which the final proof notice is printed. The proof, affidavit and oath, when so made and duly subscribed, shall have the same force and effect as if made before the register and receiver, when transmitted to them with the fees and commissions allowed and required by law. That if any witness making such proof, or any applicant making such affidavit or oath, shall knowingly, willfully, or corruptly swear falsely to any material matter contained in said proofs, affidavits, or oaths, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalties as if he had sworn falsely before the register: Provided further, that all proofs of reclamation and cultivation required under the desert-land laws, and all proofs required under the commutation provisions of the homestead laws shall be made before the register and receiver only. That the fees for entries and for final proofs, when made before any other officer than the register and receiver, shall be as follows:

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